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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Appln. of: Craig Van Buuren

Appln. No.: 10/796,557

Filed: March 9, 2004

For: Method of and Apparatus for Simulating a Biological Heap Leaching Process

Attorney Docket No: 10908/9 (P20197/MAJR/ds)

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Sir:

Attached is/are:

- ☒ Response to Non-Final Rejection.
- ☒ No additional fee is required.
- ☐ Small Entity.
- ☐ An extension fee in an amount of \$_____ for a _____-month extension of time under 37 CFR § 1.136(a).
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- ☐ An additional filing fee has been calculated as shown below:

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| | Claims Remaining After Amendment | | Highest No. Previously Paid For | Present Extra | Rate | Add'l Fee | OR | Rate | Add'l Fee |
| Total | 24 | Minus | 25 | 0 | x \$26= | | | x \$52= | 0 |
| Indep. | 4 | Minus | 4 | 0 | x 110= | | | x \$220= | |
| First Presentation of Multiple Dep. Claim | | | | | +\$195= | | | + \$390= | 0 |
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- ☐ Please charge Deposit Account No. 23-1925 in the amount of \$_____.
- ☐ Payment by credit card in the amount of \$_____ (Form PTO-2038 is attached).
- ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional filing fees required under 37 CFR § 1.16 and any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR § 1.17 associated with this paper (including any extension fee required to ensure that this paper is timely filed), or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 23-1925.

Respectfully submitted,

October 6, 2009
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